



February 6, 2009

To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Michael R. Paine, President of Paine's Incorporated, a recycling and rubbish removal company located in the Farmington Valley. We are a family owned business and have been providing services to homes and business in Hartford and Litchfield Counties for the last 80 years.

I am writing to voice my opposition to HB-6187, which would require that Connecticut employers provide paid sick leave. This unnecessary mandate, if passed, will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees and force Paine's to reduce our package of benefits that we currently offer.

It is my understanding that no other State requires that companies offer this unnecessary and extremely costly benefit. I also understand that this mandate will only be required of private businesses. To pass a bill that requires only private companies raise their expenses in these economic times is wrong and further more sends a very bad message to anyone in business.

We urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut. Thank you.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael R. Paine".

Michael R. Paine
President
Paine's Incorporated